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I claim:

5 1. A method for handling different versions of a document in a computer system comprising a storage medium, wherein said different versions include one current version and at least one earlier version, said method comprising:

10 storing said at least one earlier version of said document in its entirety in a file on said storage medium; and

 storing said current version of said document in its entirety in said file.

15 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said current version comprises historic information and each of said different versions comprise historic information;

20 said storing said current version includes storing said historic information of said current version with said current version; and

 said storing said at least one earlier version includes storing said historic information of said at least one earlier version with said at least one earlier version.

30 3. A method according to Claim 2, comprising displaying on demand of a user of said computer system a listing showing at least a portion of said historic information about said different versions of said document, and loading one of said different versions of said document for further processing in response to said user's choice from said listing of said one of said different versions.

4. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said method is stored in a first memory of a first computer system for downloading to a second memory of a second computer system.

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5. A method for handling different versions of a document in a computer system comprising a storage medium, wherein said different versions include one current version and at least one earlier version, said 10 method comprising:

storing said at least one earlier version of said in its entirety in a compressed form in a file on said storage medium;

15 storing said current version of said document in its entirety in said file.

6. A computer storage medium comprising:

20 at least one earlier version of a document stored in its entirety in a file on said computer storage medium; and

a current version of said document stored in its entirety in said file.

7. A computer storage medium as in Claim 6
25 wherein said current version comprises historic information for said current version and said at least one earlier version comprises historic information for said at least one earlier version, and said computer storage medium further comprises:

30 said historic information of said current version stored with said current version; and
said historic information of said at least one earlier version stored with said at least one earlier version.

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8. A computer storage medium as in Claim 6 wherein said at least one earlier version of a document is stored in its entirety in said file in a compressed form.

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9. A computer program product comprising a method for handling different versions of a document in a computer system comprising a storage medium, wherein said different versions include one current version and at least one earlier version stored thereon, said method comprising:

10 storing said at least one earlier version of said document in its entirety in a file on said storage medium; and

15 storing said current version of said document in its entirety in said file.

20 10. The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein said current version comprises historic information and each of said different versions comprise historic information;

25 said storing said current version includes storing said historic information of said current version with said current version; and

30 said storing said at least one earlier versions includes storing said historic information of said at least one earlier version with said at least one earlier version.

35 11. The computer program product of Claim 10 wherein said method further comprises displaying on demand of a user of said computer system a listing showing at least a portion of said historic information about said different versions of said document, and loading one of said different versions of said document

for further processing in response to said user's choice from said listing of said one of said different versions.

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